

RESPONSE UNDER 37CFR1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1712

PATENTS

Navy Case No. 82,222

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Usman A.K. Sorathia

Serial No. 09/822,308

Filed: March 29, 2001

For: FIREPROOF PROTECTION INTEGRATING: Confirmation No. 7684
FABRICATION SYSTEM FOR COMPOSITE
STRUCTURES

: Group Art Unit: 1712

: Examiner: Michael J. Feely

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to a new Final Office action dated Sept. 16, 2002, amendment of the above
entitled application is now proposed as follows under 37 U.S.C. 1.116.

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

TO THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claims 2, 9, 12, 13 and 16 as follows:

2. A process of forming a composite structure by applying a barrier to an underlying substrate during fabrication, including the steps of: introducing a fire resisting agent to the barrier after formation thereof; and attaching the barrier to the substrate before completing the fabrication of the composite structure; said step of introducing the fire resisting agent comprising: in-situ infusion of the agent into the barrier during said fabrication of the composite structure.

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